

Dear Editor,

Please see below our response for reviewers comment. Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript.

**Reviewer 1:**

**Comment1:** Kashyap et al in their manuscript titled " Critical Care Practice in India: Results of the ICU Need Assessment Survey: ININ2018" conducted a pan- India survey 'Indian National ICU Needs' assessment (ININ 2018-I) on google forms and deployed from July 23rd-August 25th, 2018 using social media and other platforms. More than 80 % of the ICUs were open, and mixed type. Protocols followed regularly by the ICUs included sepsis care, ventilator- associated pneumonia (83% each); nutrition (82%), DVT prophylaxis (87%), stress ulcer prophylaxis (88%) and glycemic control (92%). The authors found digital infrastructure was poor, with only 46 % of the ICUs reporting high-speed internet availability. In this large, national, semi-structured, need-assessment survey, the need for improved manpower including; in-house intensivists, and decreasing patient-to-nurse ratios was evident to the authors. Sepsis was the most common diagnosis and quality and research initiatives to decrease sepsis mortality and ICU length of stay could be prioritized. The authors should be congratulated for the recommendations and solutions to bring together the best global practices in each other's jurisdictions to solve the shortage of healthcare professionals. ICU practices are variable in a vast country like India. Most common admitting diagnosis for ICU is similar to Western reporting in literature. There is variable protocol penetration for processes of care in ICU. The manuscript is very well academically and scientifically written that answers various questions about this unique topic. There is lack of studies on the selective topic on which authors have taken a scientific and descriptive endeavour.

**R1:** Thank you!

**C2:** Minor errors line 200- After India should have full stop page 18 - correct spelling is muzaffarpur.

**R2:** Full stop is added and spelling of muzaffarpur is corrected.

**Reviewer 2:**

**Comment1:** The authors present an interesting article on ICU facilities in India. The article is well written.

**R1:** Thank you!

**C2:** Minor comments: In Tables, please be careful that 80% should be 80.0% when then after another percentage is 76.5% for example.

**R2:** The decimal error is corrected in table at all places. Thank you.